REMARKS

Status of Claims

Claims 1-14 and 16-20 are now pending in this application.

Allowed Claims

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication in the Office Action that claims 1-7 and 9-16 are allowed. With the exception of claim 3, as explained below, these claims are unchanged.

Rejections under § 112

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that "said application identification number" in claim 8, line 3, lacks a proper antecedent basis. Applicants have accordingly rewritten claim 3, paragraph 3, to establish proper antecedent basis. In the instant amendment, claim 3, paragraph 3, recites that the packet parsing portion performs "generating an application identification number."

It is submitted that claims 8 and 17-20 fully comply with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Conclusion

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or

even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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